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[54] **INDUCIBLE NITRIC OXIDE SYNTHASE GENE FOR TREATMENT OF DISEASE**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

The present invention discloses a full-length human hepatocyte iNOS cDNA clone and various gene therapy applications utilizing an iNOS DNA sequence. In preferred embodiments of the disclosed invention, iNOS-directed gene therapy involves specific targeting of a DNA sequence encoding a protein or protein fragment with iNOS biological activity for treating vascular diseases and disorders, antitumor applications and in response to certain microbial infections.

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